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Group Art Unit: 2872  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGEMENT OF  
DIRECTLY CONNECTED OPTICAL COMPONENTS

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**THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed a Request for Status with the PTO on September 29, 2004 and a second Request for Status on March 29, 2005. To date, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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